

AFFIDAVIT

I, MARIANA MARCIA CABALO, hereby declare:

I was born on May 4, 1969 at Yuma, Arizona, United States of America.

I married EDUARDO GONZALES-ESCALANTE, on September 1, 1999 at San Francisco, California. Edgardo and I have known each other since January 1999. We have lived together from June 1999 to the present. We have had no periods of separation from each other since we began to live together in June 1999. We have no plans to terminate our marriage. Eduardo and I have an infant son, Paco, who is ten months old.

Eduardo and I have a very close and loving relationship. He provides me with companionship and friendship. He also provides me with important emotional support in my day-to-day life. I rely on him for someone to talk to, share my concerns and frustrations and my plans for the future. Eduardo is my life companion, lover, close friend, and father of my only child. If Eduardo is not allowed to live with me in the United States I would feel a great loss and do not know how I would be able to get along without him.

Eduardo is also an important part of our son's life. It is very important to me that our son is raised in a family atmosphere with both parents present. I would be very sad and unhappy if I had to become a single mother. I also believe that it is especially important for my son to have his father as a male role model in his life.

Eduardo is employed as a full case picker at Gourmet Life Foods, West Division in Hayward, California. He earns approximately \$26,000.00 per year, not including all the overtime he puts in as he is such a hard worker. I am employed as an automation support analyst with Zuckerman, LLP, and earn about \$51,442.00 per year, but Eduardo's income is very important to the financial well-being of our household, especially since we live here in the Bay

Area, where life is so expensive. Eduardo and I are constantly trying to improve our current living condition and save for our future, and the future of our son. Eduardo provides me and our son with life insurance through his job. Currently Eduardo and I are beginning the process of buying a house together, which has always been a dream of mine. Thanks to Eduardo's additional income, I hope to be able to realize this dream for my family.

If Eduardo is not allowed to live with me in the United States I would suffer economic hardship because I would no longer have the benefit of his financial contribution. This would result in a decrease in my life style and standard of living. It would also result in me losing my current home, the house we are hoping to buy, and the life insurance for me and my child.

I do not want to leave the United States to join Eduardo in Peru or another country if he is not permitted to live with me in the United States. I have lived in the United States since I was born. My entire family consisting of my parents and two siblings and their families live in the United States. I was born in the United States and I love my life in this country. Also, my son is an American citizen and I would feel sadness if I had to take him away from the country of his birth to accompany me to Peru. At the same time I could not bear to be separated from my son. While I speak a little bit of Spanish, I do not believe I have the proper background in Spanish to move to Peru and earn a living.

I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct and this affidavit is executed on October 22, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

MARIANA MARCIA CABALO